



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



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Determination of Extreme Circumstance:Trucker Convoy Blockade of Canada/USA Border

ISSUE:

Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta has been (and continues to be) an extreme circumstance as it relates to the Collective Agreement in place for RCMP Regular Members and Reservists.

BACKGROUND:

Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.

The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day. There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.

The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

Current Status:

This situation has varied in size and remains complex, volatile and unpredictable. While the state of passage on Highway 4 has opened and closed since the onset, it now remains completely blocked at the POE at the Coutts location.

With the Border access to Coutts blocked, traffic was again stopped by police at two other locations in an effort to keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.

The size of the groups relative to both the number of people and vehicles on site continues to fluctuate with increases noted during the weekend periods (see attachment). Moreover, attempts to breach the check points are being made on a continual basis, are unpredictable and Members at times are being confronted by attendees who challenge the authority of law enforcement.

The Coutts protest area has developed into a bit of a rallying point that continues to draw interest from large cross sections of individuals and groups who are promoting a variety of agendas, outside of the intended purpose of the protest. Intelligence is received daily informing investigators of planned activities, in both Alberta and locations in the United States, to send large truck convoys to the Coutts and Sweet Grass Montana area. The continued influx of vehicles into the area remains a significant concern and a continued risk to the critical infrastructure in this area.

At the main site in Coutts there are currently 21 semi-trucks, 1 personal vehicle, and 9 farm tractors lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 19 semi-trucks, 3 personal vehicles, and 9 farm tractors lining the southbound lanes.

At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 24 commercial vehicles, 60 RV's, approximately 133 passenger vehicles, and 9 farm tractors. Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 2100).

In an effort to stabilize the situation, CCMG worked with the community and identified an area that would allow for a legal protest, which would enhance police and public safety. This area is owned by the Ministry of Transportation and has been outfitted by a community group with

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free Wi-Fi to make it a more attractive option to shift the crowd away from the roadway. All attempts to relocate the protest group off Highway 4 have been unsuccessful thus far and recent political announcements have increased the volatility of most in attendance.

Recommendation: It is the position of K Division that until such time as these groups are moved or relocated to a safer, legal site and the blockade is no longer impeding travel to the US, this situation will remain an extreme circumstance for the purpose of the deployment of resources per the RCMP Collective Agreement. This will be reviewed as a matter of routine and as circumstances change. While the NPF may take a different position, communication with the NPF Regional Directors will remain open, as has been the experience since the onset of this event.

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